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appeared in the English Dailies and if so what action the Government propose to take?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I have no information, Sir. If the hon. Member, Sri A. A. Rasheed, is interested and if he had any personal experience, he may convey the same to me. (Laughter.)

Pick-pockets (in buses)

* 860 *Q.*—Sri A. A. RASHEED : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that pick-pockets in Madras city are more active in running buses;

(*b*) the steps taken to stop this; and

(*c*) the number of pick-pocketing committed in the running buses in the last six months?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) Policemen in uniform and in mufti are deputed for spotting pick-pockets. Rewards are granted to private individuals and drivers and conductors of buses for good work in spotting pick-pockets and in helping to apprehend them. There has been a sustained drive during the past three years towards preventive work and this has had salutary effect in bringing down the number of cases under all heads of this type of crime.

(*c*) 43.

Sri A. A. RASHEED : Sir, may I know whether the pick-pocketing is due to the carelessness of the travelling public or is it due to the cleverness of the pick-pockets?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I may tell the hon. Member that there has been a sustained drive during the past three years towards the preventive work and this has had salutary effect in bringing down the number of cases under all heads of crime. The total number of pocket picking offences has gradually decreased from 246 in 1957 and 209 in 1958 to 149 in 1959 and 141 in 1960. The percentage of detection has increased from 25·2 per cent in 1957 to 45.4 per cent in 1960.

Sri A. GOVINDASAMI : பஸ்களிலே ‘ திருடர்கள் ஜாக்கிரதை ’ என்று அறிவிக்கப்பட்டிருப்பது, திருடர்களுக்குச் சாதகமாக இருக்கிறது என்பது கனம் அமைச்சர் அவர்களுக்குத் தெரியுமா ?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : அவரவர்கள் திறமைக்கு ஏற்றவாறு எந்த நல்ல விஷயத்தையும் உபயோகித்துக் கொள்கிறார்கள். (சிரிப்பு.)

Sri S. NAGARAJA MONIGAR : Sir, may I know how many of the culprits are new entrants to the field?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I do not have any analysis with me.

SRI S. M. ANNAMALAI : ஸார், கனம் அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் கொடுத்திருக்கக்கூடிய புள்ளிவிவரங்களின்படி குற்றங்கள் குறைந்து வருகிறது என்று சொல்லப்படுகிறது. ஆனால் சென்னை நகரில் குற்றங்கள் அதிகமாகிக் கொண்டுவருகிறது என்று சென்னை நகர போலீஸ் கமிஷனர் அறிக்கை விட்டிருக்கிறார். அது உண்மையா அல்லது எது உண்மை?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : போலீஸ் கமிஷனர் குற்றங்களைக் குறைக்கவேண்டுமென்பதற்காக கொடுக்கும் அறிக்கை அது. அதை எடுத்துக்கொண்டு ஒப்பிட்டுச் சொல்வதில் பயனில்லை.

SRI A. A. RASHEED : Sir, may I know whether the Government have any information regarding the amount lost by the public due to the pick-pocketing?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I am sorry, Sir, I do not have that information.

MR. SPEAKER : Questions are over.

[*Note*.—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

II.—ANNOUNCEMENT *RE*. NOMINATION OF MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE ON SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION FOR 1961–62.

MR. SPEAKER : I have to announce to the House that under Rule 201 (1) of the Madras Legislative Assembly Rules, I have renominated the following members to serve on the Committee on Subordinate Legislation for the year 1961–62 :—

1 Sri T. SAMPATH.
2 Sri S. LAZAR.
3 Sri P. RAMACHANDRAN.
4 Sri V. S. MANICKASUNDARAM.
5 Srimathi A. SUARES.
6 Sri K. VINAYAKAM.
7 Sri M. P. SUBRAMANIAM.
8 Sri Sowdi S. SUNDARA BHARATHI.
9 Sri V. SANKARAN.
10 Sri R. SRINIVASA IYER.

Under Rule 202 of the Madras Legislative Assembly Rules, I nominate Sri K. Vinayakam to be the Chairman of the Committee.